



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 5:30pm at CDS

- I. Call to Order made by Susan Samarge-Powell at 5:42pm
  - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Gary Huff, Jon Kean, Raven Kras, Laura Manson, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
  - b. Absent: Laurie Lieberman, Raven Kras, Stacy Rouse
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business - Action Item – All in attendance approved the 1/11/23 minutes by acclimation.
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board Member Jon Kean shared that the new board members had now had opportunities to participate in regular board meetings. He also noted that the board is trying to resume as many pre-covid typical activities as possible, and balancing how things have ‘changed’ post-covid. Board member Kean noted that the March budget setting meeting was taking place the upcoming Saturday and we need to think about long-term plans with things like our bond measures and our joint use agreement with the city. Finally, Board member Kean noted that we are continuing to discuss unification, and now TK needs to be considered, especially with a lack of funding since we are a Basic Aid District.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports –
  - a. Susan Samarge-Powell noted:
    - ~We have had a liaison change, and Stacy Rouse will now be joining us. Jennifer Smith stepped back to support other DACs, but will keep connected through the PTA (and Susan said she will just keep sending her all the information!).
    - ~CDS will be open during spring break; we will have one preschool site open at Washington West and one School Age site (with 3 classrooms) open at Rogers. We will be open 4 days each of the break weeks
    - ~Summer and 2023-2024 planning is also taking place, even as we continue to remain short-staffed
    - ~Susan shared she will need to present information to the school board in the spring around the ELOP and may need the ‘brain trust’ (assistance) of the DAC.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Susan was intending to share some basic information with our new Board liaison, but will wait until the next meeting.
- VII. Announcements – None, except the 4/26/23 meeting date was omitted from the agenda, and so needed to be added back in to be on everyone’s calendar. It was also noted that it is Jon’s birthday on 4/25/23!
- VIII. Adjournment – Susan Samarge-Powell closed the meeting at 6:46pm